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MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND BASE MATERIAL COMPRISING ORGANIC FILM

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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This Amendment and accompanying Remarks are filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in response to the Advisory Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 8, 2005 and the Final Office Action with a mailing date of January 7, 2005. It is believed that this Amendment is timely filed on or before May 9, 2005 with a one (1) month extension of time. Notwithstanding, should this Paper not be considered timely filed, Applicants hereby requests a retroactive extension of time to file for the number of months required to maintain pendency of the Application.

Please amend the application as follows: